

During June, 1937, Dr. Theodor Just of the Department of Botany, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, visited botanical institutions of the San Francisco Bay region in the interests of the "American Midland Naturalist" of which he is editor.

Dr. Ira L. Wiggins of the Department of Botany, Stanford University, California, is spending a part of this summer at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, consulting type specimens in connection with his researches on the flora of the Sonoran Desert of northern Mexico.

"Wild Flowers of Southern California" by Carl Thurston is described on the title page as "an easy key to the names of flowers, ferns, and trees, with 547 illustrations from photographs taken by the author." By attempting to cover only a limited geographic area, this book is more complete than the usual popular handbook. It is designed on an original plan as a field index, the purpose of which is to supply quickly the names of plants with technical terms, keys, and descriptions reduced to a minimum. Two hundred and fifty-two tables comprise the bulk of the volume. These are supplemented by a short list of definitions of botanical terms, a list of families and genera, and an index of the scientific and common names (Esto Publishing Company, Pasadena. 412 pp. 1936. \$4.00).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

Thursday, April 1, 1937. A meeting was held at 8:00 p. m. in Room 2093, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. Lecture: "Farthest South America" by Mrs. Ynes Mexia. Mrs. Mexia recounted her experiences during a recent botanical collecting trip to Tierra del Fuego.

Thursday, April 22, 1937. A meeting was held at 8:00 p. m. in Room 460, Physiology Building, Stanford University. Lecture: "In Africa and Australia after Insectivorous Plants" by Francis E. Lloyd, Professor of Botany, Emeritus, McGill University. The lecture was illustrated by slides showing photographs of habitats of *Utricularia* and other insectivorous plants and microphotographs, drawings, and charts of the insect trapping mechanisms.

At a business meeting of the recently organized Santa Barbara Branch of the California Botanical Society on April 14, 1937, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Maunsell Van Rensselaer; Vice-President, Mrs. Hugh Dearing; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Ruth Hartwell. On the evening of March 10, 1937, at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Professor H. E. McMinn of Mills College, California, addressed the Branch on "The evolution of trees as represented by the trees of Santa

Barbara." On Sunday, May 2, 1937, a field trip was taken to Figueroa Mountain. About fifty persons attended. Leaders were: Hugh Dearing, Ruth Hartwell, Irma Cooke, Father Seraphin Muller, and M. Van Rensselaer. The Santa Barbara Branch of the Society now numbers sixty-five members: Mrs. Dorothy Crofton Atkins, Mrs. Alexander Baring, Mr. Antonio Beatrice, Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Mr. William Body, Miss Ellen Chamberlain, Mrs. Philip S. Chancellor, Miss Pearl Chase, Miss Helen Clarke, Dr. Frederic E. Clements, Mrs. George Clyde, Mrs. Olivia L. Converse, Mrs. E. A. Danielson, Mrs. Hugh Dearing, Mr. William R. Dickinson, Mrs. Malcolm Douglas, Mr. William North Duane, Mr. Frank E. Dunne, Mrs. George S. Edwards, Mrs. Muriel Edwards, Mrs. G. Hillyer Garvin, Mrs. E. Palmer Gavit, Dr. Adele Lewis Grant, Mrs. Clifford Greene, Mrs. Clinton B. Hale, Mrs. Girard van B. Hale, Mrs. William Hart, Miss Caroline Hazard, Mr. Bernard Hoffman, Mrs. Frank Holtzbauer (Chairman, Native Daughters of the Golden West), Mr. W. M. James, Mrs. Kirk B. Johnson, Mr. Bert Kallman, Mr. Frederick B. Kellam, Mrs. W. F. Kelly, Mrs. Lora J. Knight, General William Lassiter, Miss Lorraine Lawton (Secretary, San Foca Garden Guild), Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Mrs. Francis V. Lloyd, Dr. Frances Long, Mrs. August C. Magnus, Mr. Emmett Martin, Mrs. Henry P. Moseley, Father Seraphin Muller, Mrs. Charles Nelson, Mrs. William P. Nelson, Mrs. George M. Newell, Dr. Asbjorn P. Ousdal, Mrs. DeWitt Parshall, Mr. Reginald C. Robbins, Mr. C. S. Robinson, Mr. E. D. Rowe, Mr. Hobart O. Skofield, Mrs. Otis S. Southworth, Mr. George L. Stebbins, Mrs. George F. Steedman, Mrs. Anne Stow-Fithian, Mr. M. Van Rensselaer, Mr. L. D. Waller, Margaret Ely Webb, Dr. Harrington Wells, Mrs. George G. Whitelaw, Mr. Harry S. Wilson, Mr. W. H. Yule.

The Santa Barbara Branch of the California Botanical Society is governed by a council made up of a representative from each of the following organizations or institutions: Blaksley Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Garden Club of Santa Barbara and Montecito, Little Garden Club of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County Horticultural Society, The Santa Barbara Gardener, Flower Seed Industry of Santa Barbara County, United States Forest Service, Santa Barbara County Forest Department, Santa Barbara City School System, Santa Barbara County School System, Santa Barbara State College, Santa Barbara School of Nature Study, St. Anthony's College, Plans and Planting Committee, Community Arts Association of Santa Barbara, Carnegie Institution of Washington.

A meeting of the Santa Barbara Branch was held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Friday, June 18th, at 8:00 p. m. Mr. H. M. Butterfield of the College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley, spoke on "Early Introductions of Ornamental Plants to Santa Barbara and California."